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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Applications of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for

Approval of Smart \$aver Solar as Energy Efficiency Program

Docket Nos. 2021-143-E and 2021-144-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On April 14, 2022, Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (collectively referred to herein as "Duke") filed a Petition for Reconsideration and/or Rehearing. Additionally, the Solar Energy Industries Association ("SEIA") filed a Petition for Clarification and Statement in Support, and other participants filed a letter in support of Duke's Petition.

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is charged by the South Carolina General Assembly with representing public interest, which includes the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer, and preservation of continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high-quality utility services. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B). Therefore, please be advised that ORS intends to file a response to the aforementioned filings no later than April 28, 2022.

Finally, according to the Business Meeting Agenda posted by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on April 20, 2022, it appears the Commission may consider and rule upon the Duke and SEIA petitions at its Business Meeting scheduled for April 28, 2022.

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In light of ORS's intended and forthcoming response, and in order to allow the Commission time to fully consider the issues ORS intends to address therein, ORS would respectfully request that the Commission carry this vote over.

Sincerely,

s/Benjamin P. Mustian Benjamin P. Mustian

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